

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MINUTES
July 9, 2013**

The Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on July 9, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Johnson, Vice Chair, SLP
Robin Harris, SLP
George Purvis, Audiologist
Deanna L. Frazier, Audiologist
Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist
Jan J. Weisberg, Otolaryngologist
Lynda Bracken, Citizen at Large

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator
Matt Osborne, Executive Director

BOARD ATTORNEY

Michael West

GUEST

Tim Booth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Dressler, SLP

Call to Order

Chair Anne Olson called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Ms. Olson introduced Executive Director Matt Osborne to the Board.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Purvis to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jan Weisberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 was reviewed. No further action taken.

Licensure Status Report

The Licensure Status Report was reviewed. No further action was taken.

O&P Report

Marcia Egbert reported the following:

Executive Director

Matt Osborne joined O&P as Executive Director on Monday, July 1. Prior to joining O&P he served in the Transportation Cabinet and the Tourism, Art and Heritage Cabinet in several high level capacities. Secretary Vance and Courtney Bourne met with Mr. Osborne and introduced him to all employees at O&P. Ms. Bourne stated, "It has been my pleasure getting to know and work alongside you and the boards we serve. I have enjoyed learning more about each of these professions."

Resource Management Analyst II – Justin Turner joined O&P June 17. Since joining O&P he has already begun updating board websites and familiarizing himself with the database rebuild project. Justin fixed the computer in conference room B for board related internet access. There is a desktop computer for conference room B and a laptop available for setup in the additional rooms. If your board needs a computer set up please notify Justin a few days prior to the meeting.

Administrative Specialist III – O&P has submitted the request to establish a position and open the register to fill the Administrative Specialist III position. Due to our cap for employees within the agency, filling this will be delayed until September due to the past Board Administrator had accumulated enough leave time that September is her official retirement date. Hopefully these measures will expedite the process of filling this position.

Budget

As a reminder, all Boards must submit in writing any unusual expense items for the next biennium budget. The Chair should contact Susan Ellis detailing the Board's plans in writing before August 1.

Database

The most recent meeting was held at the end of June. COT anticipates scheduling more meetings in early July. This will be a great time for Matt Osborne, Executive Director and Justin Turner, Resource Management Analyst to become acclimated and involved in the project. COT will provide O&P with a timeline for finalizing the requirements. COT has hired a dedicated team for this project. The team will consist of 1 technical lead, 2 developers, and 1 designer. An experienced Business Analyst will work to finalize the requirements for the new O&P system. This part of the project will take a few weeks.

KRS 131.1817 – Department of Revenue

The legislation known as pension reform should take effect in July. Boards are encouraged to review their renewal and revocation processes and the information sent to board administrators from the Department of Revenue. Your boards should consider how this law may potentially impact licensees with delinquent taxes. Consider the impact this may have on one who is grandfathered, if it applies to your board. Your board chair, members, or attorney should address their concerns directly with the Department of Revenue.

George Purvis stated that the two different sets of the Statutes and Regulations are still on the homepage of the SLP/A website. Ms. Egbert stated that she had submitted the request to correct this with IT and went back and checked them and they were made. She stated that she would go back and double check and if for some reason they weren't corrected, she would submit the request again.

Mr. Purvis also stated that the link to the Complaint Form does not work. He stated that when you clicked on it, it took you to a search engine. Ms. Egbert will submit the problem to IT and get that corrected.

Attorney's Report

Michael West stated that he has made the regulation changes for submission to LRC. Discussion followed in regard to the changes and the forms that were changed by reference.

There were a few other items in the forms that were to be corrected. George Purvis made a motion to approve the changes to 201 KAR 17:012, 034, 030, and 036. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. West will submit the new regulations to LRC by the end of the week.

Heather Johnson found a few things on the Reinstatement Application that needs correction, question 7 and 8 in particular. Those changes will be tabled until we have to change additional regulations.

Mr. West also created a License Processing Timeline from Interim licensure through Reinstatement. After discussion, the Board determined that this should be placed in the Frequently Asked Questions. It was suggested that the item be renamed to "When can I practice?" Mr. West is going to make some corrections to the timeline and send them to Anne Olson for review at which time she will send them to all Board members for review.

Old Business

Marcia Egbert sent the "Ethics Reminder" via an e-mail blast to all licensees that are required to submit CEU's. She stated that it worked really well with a minimal percentage of kickback. She suggested that we put a blurb on the homepage of the website encouraging the licensees to update their e-mail addresses so that they will be sure to get important information being sent by the Board. The Board agreed and Ms. Egbert will discuss this with the IT person. The Board requested that Ms. Egbert also investigate the possibility of the licensee's being able to update their own changes of names/addresses online. She will report back at the next meeting. The Board also would like for the IT person to give them some demographics of how many people have visited our website over the past three months? Ms Egbert will request that information as well. Robin Harris stated that she also submitted the "Ethics Reminder" to KSHA for their newsletter.

The 26th Annual NCSB Conference to be held in San Antonio October 10-12, 2013 was discussed. Lynda Bracken, George Purvis, Michael West and possibly Deanna Frazier plan to go. Heather Johnson made a motion that the Board pays registration, travel and per diem to those that attend the Conference. Lynda Bracken seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Egbert will check with Fiscal and get instructions on how they are to fill out of state travel requests. She will forward that information to those that plan to attend. She will also ask Fiscal to register all of them except Michael West. He will handle his travel through the Attorney General's Office.

Goals and Timelines are up to date. No further action at this time.

The Archive notebook was discussed. Ms. Egbert sent a copy of items in the notebook to Michael West for review. He reported that they looked fine to him. Richard Dressler was not in attendance today but he has the notebook with him to review to see if he knows of other issues that need to be included. He will report back at the next meeting.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) were to be sent to Ms. Egbert for the website. There are still a few outstanding and will be sent to her prior to the next meeting. Mr. West asked that Ms. Egbert forward what questions she has received for him to review.

New Business

The Physician Quality Reporting System was discussed in regards to audiologists reporting on measure #134 screening for clinical depression.

The board discussed this issue in regards to depression being more prevalent for those with hearing loss as well as displaying similar behavior. The board referenced KRS 334A.020 and felt as though this would be within our scope of practice but that policy and procedures of the employer should be verified before proceeding with reporting on this measure.

Discussion was held in regard to the Kentucky TeleHealth Network (KTHN) and practices owned by SLP's who are providing rewards for referrals. No action taken.

Complaint Committee Report

The Complaint Committee made the following recommendations for the Board's approval:

- a. 13-001 – Ongoing
- b. 13-002 – Ongoing
- c. 13-003 – Ongoing
- d. 13-004 – Ongoing

Michael West stated that a complaint and settlement authority has been filed on two of these and we are waiting on an investigator report on the other two.

Discussion was held in regard to how the Board is to handle a situation where a licensee has committed a crime and it was in the newspaper. Are we required to act on this as a Board? Mr. West said that if it was in the paper and could affect the public that it is the Board's responsibility to follow up on it. Ms. Egbert will initiate a complaint on behalf of the Board on a recent episode with a licensee that was in the paper.

Deanna Frazier made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Application Review

The Applications Review Committee met at 10:00 a.m. George Purvis made a motion, seconded by Heather Johnson to approve recommendations made from today's committee meeting of the following applicants in the appropriate areas. The motion carried unanimously.

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – *Hayley Besten, Seth T. Bowden, Lauren M. Cosentino, Jennifer A. Gary, Lindsay Hartmann, Deanna Hilleman, Megan Smith Libke, Anna E. Long, Jessica E. Richards, Brittani Walker*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION/PPE – *Natalie Goodin, Malloy Mattheis*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – EXTENSION REQUEST – *Lindsey Faith Lile, Mallory Miracle*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – *Jamie D. Adkins, Sondra S. Arms, Leah Cooley, Michele Dempsey, Amber DeVine-Stinson, Megan Marie Durrum, Casie Lynn Ferrell, Krista R. Johnson, Sheri M. Katchur, Carla Larkin, Kelsey Ann McCarty, Anne Courtney McKenzie, Angela Meeks, Vanessa Monge, Melanie C. Newcomb, Brittney Renee Owens, Megan Elizabeth Perry, Amy L. Radcliff, Abigail Ramser, Emily Kron Robbins, Sara Elaine Saldana, Luke E. Watts*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – REINSTATEMENTS – *Amy Gray, Mary Catherine Lee*

AUDIOLOGY – *Whitney Kubach*

REINSTATEMENTS – AUDIOLOGY – DEFERRED – *Rebekah Lynn Donnelly*

CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Approval of CEU's. The approved CEU's and number of hours will be posted on the Board website at <http://slp.ky.gov> under Resources/Continuing Education.*

Travel and Per Diem

George Purvis brought up the trainings on Ethics that the Board presents at the KSHA Conference. Discussion followed on how much responsibility do we as a Board have to do the Ethics trainings? It was stated that the Board would like to see us do two, 2.0 hour blocks at the beginning and toward the end of the Conference so that we can catch most of the participants. Anne Olson and George Purvis will try and look for someone to speak.

Discussion was held on the extra time that Board Members are spending in preparation and presenting on behalf of the Board outside the Board meetings. Jan Weisberg made a motion to approve an additional day of pay and per diem to those doing work outside of the Board meetings. This should cover any trainings and outside work by Board Members for the remainder of this year. Lynda Bracken seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by George Purvis and seconded by Heather Johnson to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on August 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Occupations and Professions Office, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Anne Olson at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Egbert

